

March 9, 2017

Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Miner, Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Gresko, Vice Chair Somers, Ranking Member Harding, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

Re: Testimony re SB 522 to allow bear hunting.

I strongly oppose SB 522 that would allow bear hunting. Connecticut's DEEP should consult with the Ontario Parks Department. We have witnessed how well bears and people co-exist in Canada because people have learned how to live with, and respect bears. And, when a bear does pose a nuisance, the bear is humanely trapped (see below) and transported elsewhere. There is no need to destroy them.



Yours truly,
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